

Discover Streaming Services with the Glencoe Public Library



Streaming services allow us to access media and entertainment anywhere with a data connection. Navigating each service and price plan, however, can be difficult and time consuming. Use this guide to evaluate and select streaming services and learn how to access **free** streaming services with your Glencoe Public Library card. Please note each paid service's last price increase. All prices are current as of 8/10/2025 (prices are pre-tax). Apps are available for each service.

FREE Streaming Services Available with Your Glencoe Library Card

As a valued GPL cardholder, you can access a variety of digital entertainment services for free. Download the following apps to your mobile device or smart TV, register with your GPL card, and begin watching and listening. *Please note, GPL digital services are only available to GPL cardholders. If your card is from another library, please check that library's website. Most libraries in our area subscribe to streaming services.*



Hoopla is an on-demand digital download service with books, comic books, audiobooks, music, movies, and TV shows. Glencoe cardholders get fifteen checkouts per month (a season of a TV show or a music album is one checkout). Watch titles like *Titanic*, *Mean Girls*, and *Sherlock* for free. For more information about using Hoopla, please visit their FAQs page www.hoopladigital.com/faq or check out the directions at the end of this packet. The app is available in your app store.



Kanopy provides instant access to hundreds of curated films and documentaries. Watch critically acclaimed titles like *Parasite* and *Lady Bird* from anywhere with a data connection. GPL cardholders get thirty tickets per month, with most films requiring two tickets. For more information about using Kanopy, please visit help.kanopy.com/ or check out the directions at the end of this packet. The app is available in your app store.



Freemusic is a music-only streaming service. It provides Glencoe cardholders with free access to a variety of music styles, including five free, permanent downloads of your choice per week. Listen to a continuous playlist of your favorite songs and artists in the app, then keep your downloads to play offline at any time. For more information about using Freemusic, please visit glencoepubliclibrary.freemusic.com/faq. The app is available in your app store.

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FREE Services Available on Glencoe Public Library's Roku

As part of our Library of Things collection, GPL has Roku streaming devices available exclusively to our cardholders. Each Roku has access to a different service: Amazon Prime Video, AppleTV+, Netflix, Hulu, Britbox, Disney+, and MAX. Movies Anywhere, PlutoTV, TubiTV, and YouTube are also available on all GPL Rokus. Check out Rokus for two weeks and easily connect them to most TVs, including 4K and HD models. **All streaming subscriptions on GPL Rokus are ad-free, except for free services like PlutoTV and TubiTV.**

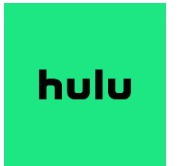


AppleTV+ joined the streaming market in 2019 with programs like *The Morning Show* with Jennifer Aniston and Steve Carell. Since then, it has developed a reputation for high-quality original content, with series like *Severance*, *Ted Lasso*, and *Slow Horses*, along with films like *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *Coda*, and *Still*. Website: tv.apple.com

What to know: AppleTV+ is one of the few streaming services that still offers a free trial (one week). All programming is ad free, and a single account can share with up to six people (with six simultaneous streams, so everyone can watch something different). Available as a monthly service -- cancel/resume at any time. A discount is available for annual subscriptions. **Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access ad-free AppleTV+ for free on a GPL Roku, saving up to \$156/year.**

AppleTV+ Plans (last monthly plan price increase in August 2025; annual increase October 2023)

- AppleTV+ has one plan -- \$13/month or \$100/year for up to 6 users on a single account.
- Students get AppleTV+ for free with an Apple Student Music account (visit support.apple.com/en-us/106008 for more information).



Hulu has partnered with Disney+, but it is still available as a standalone service or as part of a bundle (a single app will be available in 2026). Stream recorded TV content like *Family Guy*, *Bob's Burgers*, *The Bear*, and *Grey's Anatomy*, or original favorites like *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Only Murders in the Building*. Website: hulu.com

What to know: Hulu has two products: the Hulu app and Hulu + Live TV. The Hulu app provides on-demand access to pre-recorded shows and Hulu originals. Hulu + Live TV provides access to all the app offers, plus live broadcasts from over 85 major networks like ABC, CBS, ESPN and the Big 10 Network. Bundle the Hulu app and Hulu + Live TV with other services like Disney+ or ESPN+ at a discount (see each of the plans outlined below). Add additional services like MAX or Paramount+ with Showtime to each plan, as well, for an additional charge. Hulu can stream on two simultaneous devices, and accounts can add one extra member for a fee (fees vary based on plans). **Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access the ad-free Hulu app for free on a GPL Roku, saving up to \$228/year.**

Hulu App Plans (last price increase in October 2024)

- Basic Hulu with ads: \$10/month or \$100/year with 2 simultaneous streams. Add 1 additional member to this plan for \$7/month.
- Hulu ad-free: \$19/month with 2 simultaneous streams. While commercials do not appear during shows, there will be ads just before and just after programs. Add 1 additional member to this plan for \$10/month.
- Hulu app bundle options (these bundles can offer significant savings over subscribing to each service separately):
 - Disney+, Hulu Bundle Basic **with ads**: For \$11/month, eligible subscribers get Disney+ and Hulu. Add an extra member for \$8/month.
 - Disney+, Hulu Bundle Premium **ad-free**: For \$20/month, subscribers can access Disney+ and Hulu. Please note, ad-free content may still include some promotional content. Add an extra member for \$11/month.
 - Disney+, Hulu, ESPN+ Bundle Basic **with ads**: For \$17/month, subscribers get Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+. Add an extra member for \$12/month.

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- Disney+, Hulu, ESPN+ Bundle Premium **ad-free**: For \$27/month, subscribers get Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+ (With Ads). In this bundle, ESPN+ will contain ads. Add an extra member for \$15/month.

Hulu + Live TV Plans (last price increase in October 2024)

- Live TV Only Plan **with ads**: For \$82/month, get live, current broadcasts of major network and cable stations and 2 simultaneous streams. This plan does NOT include Hulu's app content and will contain regular broadcast ads.
- Hulu + Live TV, Disney+, and ESPN+ **with ads**: For \$83/month, get live and on-demand, ad-supported content and live streams from over 85 channels plus all the additional content on the Hulu app, Disney+ and ESPN+. This plan includes 2 concurrent streams.
- Hulu + Live TV, Disney+ **ad-free**, and ESPN+ **with ads**: For \$96/month, stream almost all videos from the Hulu app and Disney+ without ads. Live TV and ESPN+ will still contain regular broadcast ads. This plan includes 2 simultaneous streams. Add unlimited streams for \$10/month.



Disney+ has partnered with Hulu, but for now it is still available as a standalone service or as part of a bundle (Disney anticipates a full, combined app but it has not appeared in the market yet). Disney+ is the exclusive location to stream all current and future Disney content, including Marvel, Star Wars, and Pixar shows. Watch classics like *Cinderella*, *Star Wars*, *The Incredibles*, *Captain America*, *The Avengers*, and more on the Disney+ app. Website: disneyplus.com

What to know: A Disney+ basic subscription provides four simultaneous streams within your home. Like many services, Disney+ is cracking down on profile sharing, so if someone outside of your household wants to share your subscription, add an additional user for a fee (the fee varies based on your subscription package). If you subscribe to the Hulu app, access Hulu content from the Disney+ app, as well. All Disney+ plans include up to 4K resolution, and premium plans include Dolby Atmos sound. **Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access the ad-free Disney+ app for free on a GPL Roku, saving up to \$160/year.**

Disney+ Plans (last price increase in October 2024)

- Disney+ Basic **with ads**: \$10/month with up to 4 simultaneous at-home streams. Add an extra member for \$7/month.
- Disney+ Premium with **no ads**: \$16/month or \$160/year with up to 4 simultaneous streams, Dolby sound, and downloads for offline viewing. Add an extra member for \$10/month.
- Disney+ bundle options (these bundles can offer significant savings over subscribing to each service separately):
 - Disney+, Hulu Bundle Basic **with ads**: For \$11/month, eligible subscribers get Disney+ and Hulu. Add an extra member for \$8/month.
 - Disney+, Hulu Bundle Premium **ad-free**: For \$20/month, subscribers can access Disney+ and Hulu. Please note, ad-free content may still include some promotional content. Add an extra member for \$11/month.
 - Disney+, Hulu, ESPN+ Bundle Basic **with ads**: For \$17/month, subscribers get Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+. Add an extra member for \$12/month.
 - Disney+, Hulu, ESPN+ Bundle Premium **ad-free**: For \$27/month, subscribers get Disney+, Hulu, and ESPN+ (With Ads). In this bundle, ESPN+ will contain ads. Add an extra member for \$15/month.





Despite regular price increases, Netflix is still the bellwether of streaming services. Netflix has an enormous catalog of movies, documentaries, TV shows, games, and music for all tastes. Netflix original content is also available, including favorites like *Stranger Things*, *Bridgerton*, *Triple-Six-Eight*, and *Leave the World Behind*. Website: [netflix.com](https://www.netflix.com)

What to know: Netflix, like most other streaming services, is cracking down on account sharing. Even if plans have multiple simultaneous streams, all streams must be on devices connected to your Netflix account and must be on a single IP address (one location). Add up to two additional users to no-ad plans only for a fee of \$9/month. Available as a monthly service or receive a discount for an annual subscription.

Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access ad-free Netflix for free on a GPL Roku, saving up to \$216/year.

Netflix Plans (last price increase January 2025)

- Standard **with ads**: \$8/month with simultaneous streaming and downloads on 2 devices. **(Please Note: certain shows are NOT available with a Standard subscription. Unavailable titles will appear with a lock symbol.)** This is a month-to-month subscription, so cancel at any time.
- Standard **ad-free**: \$18/month with simultaneous streaming and downloads on 2 devices. Includes **unlimited access** to all content on Netflix and the option to add 1 extra member (someone who does not live with you) for \$9/month without ads. Extra members receive their own account name and password (note, this is still cheaper than having two accounts without ads). This is a month-to-month subscription, so cancel at any time.
- Netflix Premium **ad-free**: \$25/month with simultaneous streaming and downloads in 4k with enhanced spatial audio on 4 devices. Includes **unlimited access** to all content on Netflix and the option to add 2 extra members (people who do not live with you) for \$9/month without ads. Extra members receive their own account name and password – this is still cheaper than having multiple accounts without ads! This is a month-to-month subscription so cancel at any time.



Amazon Prime is ubiquitous for free two-day shipping on products, but your Prime subscription includes access to a vast catalog of programs including Amazon original series like *Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Reacher*, *Jack Ryan*, and *The Boys*. Prime also includes exclusive streaming access to movies like *Twisters*, *Saltburn*, and *The Big Sick*. Website: www.amazon.com/amazonprime

What to know: In addition to their regular catalog of movies and TV shows, Prime allows subscribers to purchase TV shows and movies and store them in a Prime account. Subscribers can share access to their Prime content with Amazon Household for free (up to two adults over 18 years, four teens age 13-17, and two children up to 13 years with no shopping privileges). Just remember, each user over 13 years will have access to your Prime Shopping account with full shopping privileges. **Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access ad-free Prime Video on a GPL Roku for no cost, saving up to \$144/year.**

Prime Plans (last price increase in 2022 – a price increase is likely this year or early in 2026)

- Basic Prime Subscription **with ads**: \$15/month or \$140/year (the annual plan saves \$40/year over the monthly subscription). Prime includes access to Prime Video, music, selected Kindle titles, Alexa+, 5% off at Whole Foods, and free 2-day shipping on thousands of products at Amazon.com The inclusion of Alexa+, Amazon's new and improved AI assistant, saves Alexa users \$20/month (the stand-alone subscription price for the new AI service). If you are an avid online shopper and do not mind commercials, this plan is a bargain.
- Prime Subscription with **no ads**: \$18/month or \$248/year (the annual plan saves \$32/year over the monthly subscription). The ad-free version of Prime includes all the perks from the Basic subscription, but Prime Video content will be ad-free.
- Prime Video is also available as a stand-alone subscription (with no shopping/shipping access) for \$9/month with ads, or \$12/month without ads.
- Student Subscription: \$7.50/month or \$69/year (the annual plan saves \$21/year). This plan is available to students aged 18-24 and includes all the benefits of a Basic subscription.



MAX (formerly known as HBO) has an enormous selection of original programming and archived shows from HBO and Discovery Channel. Watch series like *Game of Thrones*, *House of the Dragon*, *Succession*, *Chernobyl*, and more. Stream each of these series with the MAX app. MAX also includes current movie and documentary content like *Super/Man: The Christopher Reeve Story*. Website: max.com

What to know: The Basic MAX plan includes ads and two simultaneous streams, while the Standard and Premium packages include the option to download content for offline viewing (on a plane, train, etc.). The Premium plan includes four simultaneous streams. Current cable or satellite MAX subscribers have access to the MAX app. To sign in to MAX with your cable or satellite subscription, click “Sign In” and then select “Connect Your Provider.” Choose your provider, then sign in to your cable or satellite subscription with that service’s login and password to gain access to MAX. **Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access MAX for free on a GPL Roku, saving up to \$204/year.**

MAX Plans (last price increase June 2024)

- Basic Plan **with ads:** For \$10/month or \$100/year, access all MAX content with commercials. Stream on 2 screens simultaneously.
- Standard Plan **ad-free:** For \$17/month or \$170/year, watch all MAX content ad-free. MAX ad-free includes live sports and CNN MAX in the standard plan. Stream on 2 screens simultaneously and download up to 30 programs for offline viewing.
- Premium Plan **ad-free:** For \$21/month or \$210/year, stream all MAX content plus live sports and CNN MAX. The Premium plan includes 4 simultaneous streams and 100 downloads for offline viewing.
- MAX bundle plans:
 - Disney+, Hulu app, and MAX **with ads** for \$17/month. This bundle saves about \$13/month subscribing to each service individually.
 - Disney+, Hulu app, and MAX **ad-free** for \$30/month. This bundle saves about \$22/month over subscribing to each service individually.

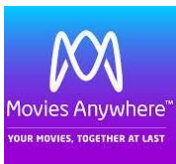


If you love British TV shows, you will love BritBox. Watch exclusive series like *Father Brown*, *Vera*, *Poirot*, and *Gavin & Stacey*. BritBox also features popular British films like *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* and documentaries like *Wedding of the Century* and *Diana: The Interview That Shocked the World*. Website: britbox.com

What to know: BritBox is one of the few streaming services that still offer a free 7-day trial, so try it before you buy it. Each subscription is for a single household/IP address, but users get four simultaneous streams. **Remember, Glencoe cardholders can access BritBox for free on a GPL Roku, saving up to \$108/year.**

BritBox Plans (last price increase September 2025)

- BritBox has 1 plan that allows 4 simultaneous streams. This plan is \$11/month or \$110/year, and either billing method comes with a 7-day free trial. All streaming on BritBox is ad-free.



Movies Anywhere is a free website that provides a place to store digital content that you have purchased in your own, secure account. Redeem DVD or Blu-ray codes for movie downloads (those little coupons that come inside of DVDs or Blu-rays you have purchased), purchase digital copies of films and TV shows, or watch previews to help you choose what to watch next. Glencoe Public Library includes our catalog of digital copies in our Movies Anywhere account films (we own the physical DVD or Blu-ray and have redeemed the digital copy for our MA account). Website:

moviesanywhere.com **To access this library of films, Glencoe cardholders can check out a GPL Roku and watch a large selection of our DVD and Blu-ray collection online for free.**

On-Demand & Live TV Streaming Services

The following services are available by subscription. Please visit each service's website or app for full details on subscription options. Visit your device's app store to download the app for each service, then sign in to your account. Please note, many services offer discounts for the first few months of use – please check with the streaming provider for full details.



Peacock is NBC's exclusive app, with access to hundreds of NBC and Bravo classics like *Friends*, *Seinfeld*, *Dateline*, *Real Housewives*, and *Suits*. Watch all current and back episodes of a TV series or stream one of Peacock's featured films like *Memento* and *We Need to Talk About Kevin*. Watch live NBC content and sporting events, too, like Big 10 football and Premier League soccer. Website: [peacocktv.com](https://www.peacocktv.com)

What to know: Subscribers get up to three simultaneous streams with six watch profiles. Specific content is available for download for offline viewing. Downloaded content is available for 30 days, but once you begin watching it, it is available for 48 hours. Live events will always have ads, even with an ad-free package.

Peacock Plans (last price increase was July 2025)

- Premium monthly plan **with ads:** \$11/month or \$110/year with 3 simultaneous streams.
- Premium Plus **ad-free:** \$17/month or \$170/year for 3 simultaneous streams, downloads for offline viewing, and live access to our local NBC5 channel. Please note, live TV will include ads in the Premium Plus plan.



Paramount+ is the exclusive location for all Paramount content. Subscribe to Paramount+ as a single service or bundle it with full access to Showtime. Watch the back catalog of programs from CBS, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Nickelodeon on demand, including programs like *The Daily Show*, *Boomerang*, *The Late Show with Stephen Colbert*, and *1923*. Website: [paramountplus.com](https://www.paramountplus.com)

What to know: Paramount+ is one of the few services to still offer a one-week free trial. Each account gets three simultaneous streams and NFL and UEFA Champions Series live. Downloads are available with the Paramount+ and Showtime bundle app.

Paramount+ Plans (last price increase August 2024)

- Paramount+ Essential Plan **with ads:** \$8/month for 3 simultaneous streams, access to over 40,000 movies and episodes, live NFL, and UEFA content, and select shows from Showtime.
- Paramount+ with Showtime, **ad-free:** \$13/month for 3 simultaneous streams, offline downloads, the full Showtime catalog of shows and movies, and CBS programming streamed live (live broadcasts will have commercials).



MGM+ is the exclusive location for all MGM-owned content (formerly called EPIX). Watch a live stream of classic movies like *A Fish Called Wanda* and *Breakdown* or select from a huge catalog of on-demand films including *Gladiator*, *Gladiator II*, *Me Before You*, *Air Force One*, *Dances with Wolves*, *She's Having a Baby*, *Glory*, and *Creed*. MGM+ also includes classic content like *Harold and Maude* and *Chinatown*. Website: [mgmplus.com](https://www.mgmplus.com)

What to know: MGM+ is completely ad-free with four simultaneous streams per account. Subscribers can download movies for offline viewing.

MGM+ Plans (annual price increase as of October 2025 – will increase by \$3/year)

- MGM+ Monthly Plan **ad-free:** \$7/month for up to 4 streams; live TV streaming will have ads. Cancel at any time.
- MGM+ Annual Plan **ad-free:** \$59/year for up to 4 streams; live tv streaming will have ads. (As of Oct. 2025, \$62/year)



SlingTV is a live TV provider. They offer multiple plans that provide live programming from channels like The Disney Channel, ESPN, Bravo, Cartoon Network, Discovery Channel and more. These are *live* channels, so all shows will be current broadcasts from each channel (individual channels will offer on-demand access). If you have cancelled your cable or satellite service, SlingTV lets you view your favorite cable channel shows from an easy-to-use app. Website: sling.com

What to know: Sling has three plans. Sling Orange allows for one stream at a time, while Sling Blue users have three simultaneous streams. Sling Orange offers channels like ESPN, Disney Channel and Freeform, while Sling Blue provides access to live local ABC, FOX and NBC stations, along with MSNBC and Bravo. The Blue and Orange packages offer different channels but subscribe to them together as a single bundle with all channels from both packages (plus four simultaneous streams). Sling frequently offers discounts for your first several months, so check their website for current offers.

SlingTV Plans (last price increase December 2024)

- Sling Blue Plan (**live TV with ads**): \$46/month for 34 live TV channels and 1 simultaneous stream.
- Sling Orange Plan (**live TV with ads**): \$51/month for 46 live TV channels and 3 simultaneous streams.
- Sling Orange & Blue Combo Package (**live TV with ads**): \$66/month for a combination of both plan's channels plus 4 simultaneous streams.



YouTube TV is *not* your regular YouTube app. YouTubeTV is a live TV streaming service with access to channels like local ABC, CBS, and NBC stations, Big10 Network, Discovery Channel, National Geographic, and the Smithsonian Channel (over 130 channels). Subscribers can add services like MAX, MGM+, Starz, NFL Redzone, and more for an extra fee. Best of all, YouTube TV is month-to-month, so cancel at any time. Website: tv.youtube.com

YouTube TV is one of the better bargains in the live TV streaming market with over one hundred channels. Subscribers get six separate household profiles and three simultaneous streams along with unlimited DVR space. YouTube is currently offering a free 21-day trial and \$46 off your first two months and cancel the service at any time. Select channels offer on-demand programs.

YouTube TV Plans (last price increase December 2024)

- YouTube TV Base Plan (**live TV with ads**): \$83/month for 3 simultaneous streams, 6 family profiles, unlimited DVR access and over 100 live TV channels; currently offering a 21-day free trial and \$46/off your first two months.
- YouTube TV Base Plan + NFL Sunday Ticket (**live TV with ads**): \$83/month plus 4 payments of \$94.50 for NFL Sunday Ticket (this gives subscribers access to all out-of-market, broadcast NFL games for the duration of the season, including playoffs and the Super Bowl). YouTube TV is currently offering a 21-day free trial and \$46/off your first two months of service.



Walmart is challenging Amazon by offering fast shipping and streaming options via a monthly subscription service. Walmart+ offers basic Paramount+ access as a subscription perk. Coming soon, customers can choose between Paramount+ and Peacock and can switch services every 90 days. Website: www.walmart.com/plus

What to know: Walmart+ offers one subscription package with a substantial discount for an annual subscription. Subscribers get free shipping with no minimum, free delivery from brick-and-mortar stores, free access to Paramount+ (choose between Peacock and Paramount+ soon!), free online veterinary services, and Scan-and-Go services in each store. Scan-and-Go allows shoppers to pick up what they need in the store and pay for it by scanning the item with their cell phone...in other words, subscribers skip the line!

Walmart+ has one plan with basic Paramount+ (or Peacock) access at \$13/month or \$98/year.



FuboTV is another live TV streaming service with select on-demand programming from various broadcast and traditional cable channels like Bravo, USA, NatGeo, ESPN, and local NBC, CBS, ABC, and FOX stations. FuboTV focuses on sports with a vast selection of golf, football, baseball, hockey, racing, and soccer streaming selections. On-demand streaming is available for shows like *Grey's Anatomy*, *Jeopardy*, *Friends*, *9-1-1*, *Bluey*, *SpongeBob* and many more. Website: fubo.tv

What to know: FuboTV offers multiple subscription options with up to 280+ channels, including 180+ live channels. Users get up to 10 simultaneous streams on televisions within the same household or using mobile devices activated within the household (the service can be used on TVs outside your home, but only if no one in your home is currently streaming FuboTV – using the service on a TV can only happen in one location at a time, but on multiple TVs in that location). Unlimited DVR access comes with every package, and FuboTV is currently offering \$20 off for the first month of service. In terms of channel selection, FUBO has one of the largest selections on the market.

FuboTV Plans (last price increase January 2025)

- FuboTV Pro Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$85/month for 218 channels, regional sports broadcasts from the MLB, NHL, and NBA teams, unlimited DVR service, and 10 simultaneous in-house streams.
- FuboTV Elite Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$95/month for over 280 channels, 4K streaming when available, regional sports broadcasts from the MLB, NHL, and NBA teams, unlimited DVR service, and 10 simultaneous in-house streams.
- FuboTV Latino supplement **with live TV with ads:** \$15/month to add over 50 Spanish language and sports channels on up to 2 screens simultaneously.



Cable and satellite companies have seen consumers depart for streaming services, and many now offer streaming-only options for live TV and on-demand entertainment. DirectTV Stream offers multiple packages that include local broadcast stations and popular cable networks like CNN, FOX, ESPN, and The Food Network, in addition to over 70,000 on-demand selections. Website: directtv.com/stream

What to know: DirectTV Stream offers four different packages that require a 24-month agreement (note: you can cancel other streaming services on a month-to-month basis, but DirectTV Stream offer a two-year price guarantee for the duration of your two-year contract). Each package includes unlimited DVR service, local broadcast stations, three simultaneous streams, and discounts on premium services like MAX. Equipment installation is required for some DirectTV Stream packages, and satellite options are available for areas without high-speed Internet access.

DirectTV Stream Plans (last price increase October 2024) (Please note, their pricing is complicated, so please read the fine print with each plan; this handout includes the *total* monthly price for each plan)

- DirectTV Entertainment Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$90/month for 24 months including over 90 channels with unlimited DVR access, local broadcast stations, and 3 simultaneous streams.
- DirectTV Choice Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$113/month for 24 months including over 125 channels with unlimited DVR access, local broadcast stations, and 3 simultaneous streams. This package also includes a regional sports package for events in your region.
- DirectTV Ultimate Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$143/month for 24 months including over 160 channels with unlimited DVR access, local broadcast stations, and 3 simultaneous streams. This package also includes a regional sports package for events in your region and additional stations like STARZ Encore and FX Movie Channel.
- DirectTV Premier Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$188/month for 24 months including over 185 channels with unlimited DVR access, local broadcast stations, 3 simultaneous streams, regional sports coverage, and premium channels like MAX, Paramount+ with Showtime, Cinemax, and STARZ.



Philo is a low-cost live TV streaming service. It includes just the basic, popular cable channels and *does not* offer local broadcast stations (keep in mind, Glencoe residents can access local stations with a simple digital antenna for about \$30-\$40; digital antennas provide permanent broadcast access to local stations). Philo includes channels like A&E, AMC, Discovery, History Channel, IFC, Comedy Central, TLC, and many more, with ad-on channels available for an extra charge. Live TV will have ads. Website: philo.com

What to know: Due to surcharges Apple levies, Philo subscribers who pay for their account through Apple will pay an additional \$4/month (subscribe directly through the Philo website to avoid this charge). Philo offers over seventy channels with three simultaneous streams. It also includes unlimited free DVR access and up to ten individual user profiles. They also currently offer a 7-day free trial.

Philo Plans (last price increase June 2024) (Subscriptions paid through Apple will incur an additional \$4/month charge – subscribe directly through Philo to avoid this additional charge)

- Philo Basic Plan **with live TV with ads:** \$28/month for over 70 channels, unlimited DVR access, and up to 3 simultaneous users.
- Philo Ad-On Plans:
 - AMC+ **ad-free:** Included in \$28/month price
 - MGM+ **ad-free:** \$7/month for full access to the MGM+ library.
 - STARZ **with ads:** \$11/month for full access to all current STARZ shows and live broadcasts.
 - Hallmark+ **with ads:** \$8/month for exclusive originals, reality shows, rom-coms, cozy mysteries, heartfelt dramas, and beloved holiday movies.
 - ALLBLK: Stream original series, independent films, nostalgic Black cinema, reality, and lively stage plays for \$7 more per month.
 - Movies & More **with ads:** \$3/month films, cult classics, celebrity stories, documentaries, and more.

Specialty Streaming Services

These services focus on a particular area of entertainment. Many services offer on-demand and live access – see each service for details.



BroadwayHD brings the stage into your home. Watch live recordings and staged video of plays, musicals, and musical films all in one place. BroadwayHD includes favorites like *Macbeth* with Patrick Stewart, *42nd Street*, *Billy Elliot*, *Cats*, *Peter Pan*, *Othello*, and *Peter Pan*. This service also includes classic recordings like *Scaramouche Jones*, *Jane Eyre* with Ciaran Hinds, *At Liberty* with Elaine Stritch, and interviews with famed producers like Stewart F. Lane. Website: www.broadwayhd.com

What to know: BroadwayHD is the only place to get all of Broadway in one service. There are hundreds of recorded shows, including ensemble performances, all ad-free. Stream with up to three devices simultaneously, including mobile devices.

Broadway HD Plans (last price increase April 2023)

- BroadwayHD **ad-free:** \$20/month or \$200/year for unlimited access to the BroadwayHD library and 3 simultaneous streams. Cancel this monthly plan at any time; the annual plan requires a 1-year commitment but provides \$3.35 savings per month.



Met Opera on Demand is a perfect subscription or gift for opera enthusiasts. With over nine hundred video and audio performances from the Met, including classic appearances by Pavarotti and Scotto, Met Opera on Demand will satisfy the discerning ear. This service includes recorded performances in video and audio, as well as a 24-hour audio stream of various live performances (some back to 1935). Watch favorites like *Eugene Onegin*, *The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess*, *Don Giovanni*, and many more. Website: ondemand.metopera.org

What to know: Met Opera on Demand is the only way to view or hear many of these classic and modern performances. With a free 7-day trial, subscribers can determine if this is the service for them before committing. Each subscription option includes unlimited, ad-free views of all content and five simultaneous streams.

Met Opera on Demand Plans (last price increase February 2025)

- Met Opera on Demand Basic Monthly Plan **ad-free:** \$15/month for unlimited views of the entire Met Opera on Demand catalog, with up to 5 simultaneous streams.
- Met Opera on Demand for Met Members **ad-free:** \$99/year in addition to Met membership plans of \$150 and up. This included unlimited views of the entire Met Opera on Demand catalog, with up to 5 simultaneous streams.
- Met Opera on Demand Basic Annual Plan **ad-free:** \$150/year for unlimited views of the entire Met Opera on Demand catalog, with up to 5 simultaneous streams. This plan is 2 months of service for free.



The Criterion Channel provides high-quality films from acclaimed directors and performers. Watch live streams of selected films or choose from an extensive catalog from the breadth of cinema. Criterion Channel also includes film collections like Chinese Crime Thrillers, the films of David Cronenberg and Michael Mann, and Film Noir. Watch classics like *Last of the Mohicans*, *Dead Ringers*, *Little Murders*, *Full Metal Jacket*, *Moonstruck*, *Crossing Delancy*, and much more. Website: criterionchannel.com

What to know: Criterion Channel offers a 7-day free trial to all new subscribers. Each plan includes unlimited watches of over one thousand films in the Criterion Channel catalog and three simultaneous streams.

Criterion Channel Plans (last price increase January 2025)

- Criterion Channel Monthly Plan **ad-free:** \$11/month for unlimited views of the Criterion catalog and three simultaneous streams. There is a free, 7-day trial.
- Criterion Channel Annual Plan **ad-free:** \$99/year for unlimited views of the Criterion Channel catalog and three simultaneous streams. There is a free, 7-day trial.



Curiosity Stream is for anyone with a love of learning. Watch thousands of documentaries on virtually every topic imaginable. Find Curiosity original documentaries like *The History of Rome*, *The Secret Lives of Big Cats*, *Engineering the Future* and *Nature Through Her Eyes*, or watch independent films like *Myths & Monsters*, *Shackleton's Captain*, *Armstrong*, and *Secrets of the Universe*. Website: curiositystream.com

What to know: The basic Curiosity Stream plan allows one stream per account with unlimited, ad-free access to their catalog. All plans allow downloads for offline viewing, and bundle plans offer multiple streams.

Curiosity Stream Plans (last price increase March 2023)

- Curiosity Stream Basic Monthly Plan **ad-free:** \$5/month for unlimited access to the entire catalog of documentaries and educational films. Each account includes 1 stream and offline downloads.
- Curiosity Stream Annual Plan **ad-free:** \$40/year for unlimited access to the entire catalog of documentaries and educational films. Each account includes 1 stream and offline downloads.

(Curiosity Stream continued)

- Curiosity Bundle **ad-free**: \$10/month or \$70/year for multiple streams, offline downloads, and unlimited access to 5 services: Curiosity Stream, CuriosityU (instructional content), KidStream (kids' shows and instructional videos), SommTV (food and wine), and Tastemade (cooking).



Acorn TV is a trove of British and European television and film. Watch series from Britain, Australia, Ireland, France, and more, along with films, original series, and documentaries. Find shows like *Dagliesh*, *The Chelsea Detective*, *Agatha Raisin*, *Under the Vines*, *Foyle's War*, *Bloodlands*, *Wisting*, *Midsomer Murders*, and *Doc Martin*. Website: acorn.tv

What to know: Acorn TV has a monthly and annual plan, with up to four simultaneous streams and downloads for select shows. All plans are ad free with subtitles available.

Acorn TV Plans (last price increase April 2025)

- Acorn TV Monthly Plan **ad-free**: \$9/month for 4 ad-free streams with selected downloads.
- Acorn TV Annual Plan **ad-free**: \$90/year for 4 ad-free streams with selected downloads.



Crunchyroll caters to anime and manga enthusiasts. With a massive catalog of shows, there is something for every anime fan. Watch shows like *Helsing*, *Fireforce*, *My Hero Academia*, *Re:Zero* and *Kaiju Number 8* as often as you'd like, along with music videos from J-pop artists like Hiroyuki Sawano. Crunchyroll includes a manga and merchandise store with exclusive products, as well. Website: crunchyroll.com

What to know: Crunchyroll has a wide selection of free anime but also offers three premium subscriptions with tons of benefits. Each plan comes with a free 7-day trial and is ad-free.

Crunchyroll Plans (last price increase May 2024)

- Crunchyroll Premium Fan Plan **ad-free**: \$8/month for unlimited streaming of the entire Crunchyroll library, including streaming of new episodes shortly after they premiere in Japan. Subscribers also get 5% off select items in the Crunchyroll store. This plan allows 1 stream per account.
- Crunchyroll Premium Mega Fan Plan **ad-free**: \$12/month for unlimited streaming of the entire Crunchyroll library, including streaming of new episodes shortly after they premiere in Japan. Get 4 simultaneous streams, offline viewing, access to the Crunchyroll game vault, 10% off select items in the Crunchyroll store, and free shipping on purchases over \$50.
- Crunchyroll Premium Ultimate Fan Plan **ad-free**: \$16/month for unlimited streaming of the entire Crunchyroll library, including streaming of new episodes shortly after they premiere in Japan. Get 6 simultaneous streams, offline viewing, access to the Crunchyroll game vault, 15% off select items in the Crunchyroll store, and free shipping on all purchases. Subscribers who maintain their Ultimate Fan plan for one year receive a free, exclusive swag bag.



Free Streaming Services for All

The services listed below offer free streaming to all visitors. Some services will require a free account, but each one provides free movies and TV shows with ads. Many of these services offer live streams of classic TV shows, so check them out. Apps are available for each service with the website listed.



Pluto TV pluto.tv



Midnight Pulp midnightpulp.com



Retro Crush retrocrush.tv



Tubi TV tubitv.com



Plex plex.tv



Crackle crackle.com



Roku Channel
therokuchannel.roku.com



Xumo xumo.com



Sling FreeStream watch.sling.tv

What's Streaming & Where?

There are several streaming guides out there, some for live TV broadcasts and some for streaming only. Check out these guides for more information on where and when shows are available.



TV Guide (live TV)
tvguide.com



JustWatch (streaming)
justwatch.com



Decider (streaming)
decider.com

Sample Entertainment Budget Worksheet

Entertainment Budget

| Must-Have Services | Price/mo | Price/year | Wish List Services | Price/mo | Price/year | Equipment | One Time Price |
|--------------------|----------|------------|--------------------|----------|------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Service 1 | \$ | \$ | Service 1 | \$ | \$ | Fire Stick | \$ |
| Service 2 | \$ | \$ | Service 2 | \$ | \$ | Digital Antenna | \$ |
| Service 3 | \$ | \$ | Service 3 | \$ | \$ | Other | \$ |
| Total | | | Total | | | One Time Total | \$ |
| Overall Total | \$ | \$ | | | | | |

Streaming Services: Reviews

The following articles provide data-driven reviews of various streaming services. While Glencoe Public Library cannot recommend specific services, independent reviewers can offer opinions based on their reviews. If you would like to search for additional reviews, try our magazine and newspaper databases at www.glencoeibrary.org/databases/. This page includes a video of our Databases class and the handout which summarizes what each database provides. If you need additional assistance, please reach out to the Reference Desk at 847-835-5056 or gckref@glencoeibrary.org.

CNet Digital Magazine (cnet.com)

CNet provides extensive information on technology topics, including detailed reviews (which they update regularly). These articles from CNet offer recent recommendations and reviews of streaming services:

- *Best Live TV Streaming Services for 2025* (July 2025) (<https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/best-live-tv-streaming-service-for-cord-cutters/>)
- *Best Streaming Services* (August 2025) (<https://www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/best-streaming-service/>)
- *I Cut My Streaming Bill In Half and Still Watched Everything I Wanted* (April 2025) (www.cnet.com/tech/services-and-software/i-cut-my-streaming-bill-in-half-and-still-watched-everything-i-wanted/)

PC Magazine (pcmag.com)

PC Magazine is a respected source for technology information. They provide product reviews, industry trend articles, and emerging tech news. These articles from PC Magazine provide reviews and suggestions for streaming services:

- *Best Video Streaming Services for 2025* (February 2025) (www.pcmag.com/picks/the-best-video-streaming-services?test_uuid=01nEKitrPAQmw6jRcSPVArQ&test_variant=A)
- *Video Streaming Services: Buying Advice, Tips, and News* (list of articles, various dates) (www.pcmag.com/categories/video-streaming-services)

Engadget (engadget.com)

Engadget is another digital technology magazine that offers well-researched reviews of tech and streaming products. These articles from Engadget provide feedback and reviews of streaming services:

- *The Best Live TV Streaming Services to Cut Cable in 2025* (April 2025) (www.pcmag.com/categories/video-streaming-services)
- *The Best Streaming Services in 2025* (April 2025) ([//www.engadget.com/entertainment/streaming/best-streaming-services-154527042.html](http://www.engadget.com/entertainment/streaming/best-streaming-services-154527042.html))

Consumer Reports (consumerreports.com)

Consumer Reports is the flagship product and service review magazine, offering standardized evaluation rubrics for a detailed, fair review of streaming services.

- *Guide to Streaming Video Services* (August 2025) (<https://www.consumerreports.org/electronics-computers/streaming-media/guide-to-streaming-video-services-a4517732799/>)

If you have questions about Glencoe Public Library's streaming services, digital collections, or any other information needs, please contact the Reference Desk at 847-835-5056 or visit our website at www.glencoeibrary.org.

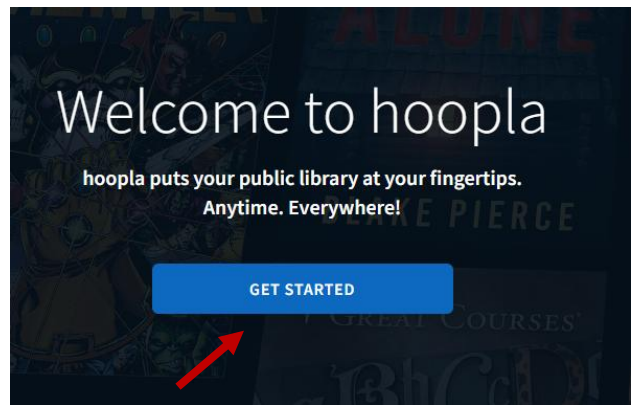
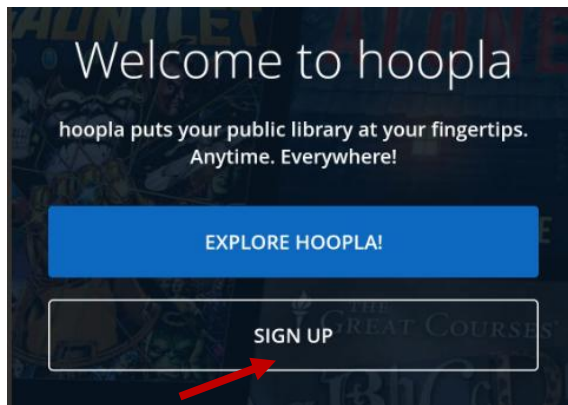




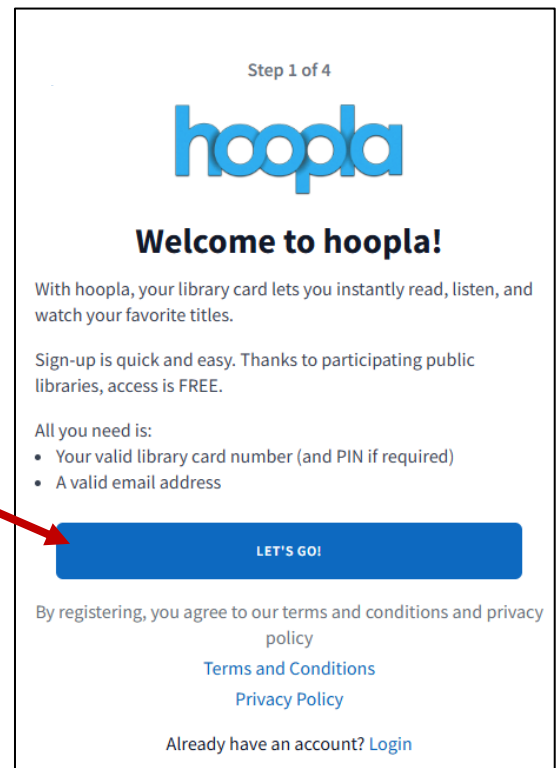
Getting Started with Hoopla at the Glencoe Public Library

Access a world of free entertainment with your Glencoe Library card. To begin using Hoopla, download the Hoopla app from your device's app store or visit www.hoopladigital.com in your browser. Follow the instructions below to establish your personal Hoopla account.

- 1) Download the Hoopla app or visit www.hoopladigital.com in any Internet browser.
- 2) On the first screen, you will see a "Welcome to Hoopla" message and a "Sign Up" or "Get Started" button. Click the "Sign Up" or "Get Started" button to begin creating your account. If you have previously created an account, please click the "Log In" button in the upper right corner of the screen and skip to step 7.



- 3) The first registration screen explains what you need to set up a Hoopla account: a Glencoe Public Library card and an email address. Click "Let's Go" to continue.



- 4) On the second screen, type “Glencoe” or your zip code in the “Search for your library” field. Select “Glencoe Public Library (IL)” from the list by clicking or tapping it, then click “Next.”

Step 2 of 4

Find Your Library

Search by library name, city, state or zip

- Glencoe Public Library (IL)**
Glencoe, IL ✓
- Winnetka-Northfield Public Library Distict (IL)
Winnetka, IL
- Northbrook Public Library (IL)
Northbrook, IL
- Highland Park Public Library (IL)
Highland Park, IL
- Glenview Public Library (IL)
Glenview, IL

Don't see your library? This may be because they do not offer hoopla yet.
[Request hoopla here!](#)

NEXT

- 5) The next screen asks you to connect with GPL using your library card. Enter your entire number with no spaces between digits, then click “Next.”

Step 3 of 4

Connect With Your Library

Library Card

NEXT

6) The last screen asks for your email address and requires you to create a password. The password can be any combination of letters / numbers / symbols, but must be at least 8 characters long. **Please write down your password and keep it somewhere safe.** Once you have filled out your email and created a new password, click “Complete Registration.”

Step 4 of 4

Almost Done!

We promise not to flood your inbox—we will only use your email address for essential communications.

Email

Email

Password

Password

Must be 8 to 40 characters long

COMPLETE REGISTRATION

7) Now you can log in to begin using Hoopla! Each time you access Hoopla, enter your email address and Hoopla password in the menu. Then, click the “Log In” button. If you have forgotten your password, click “Forgot password?” to get a reset link via your email.

Welcome to hoopla

Email

rmurray@glencoeibrary.org

Password

Remember me on this device

Forgot email?

Forgot password?

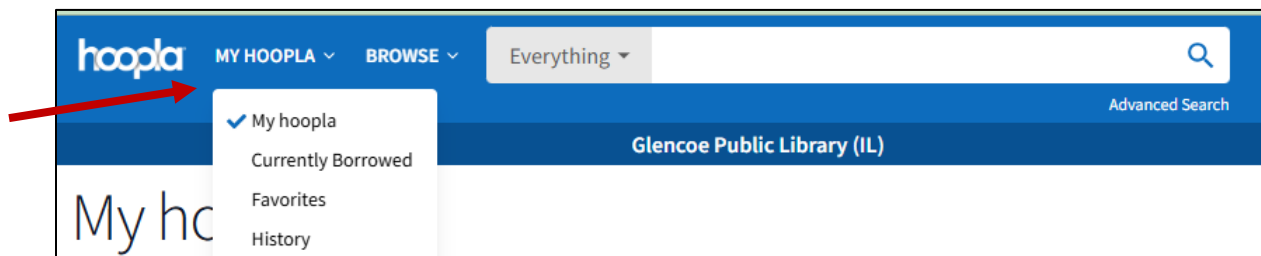
LOG IN!

Don't have an account? [Sign Up](#)

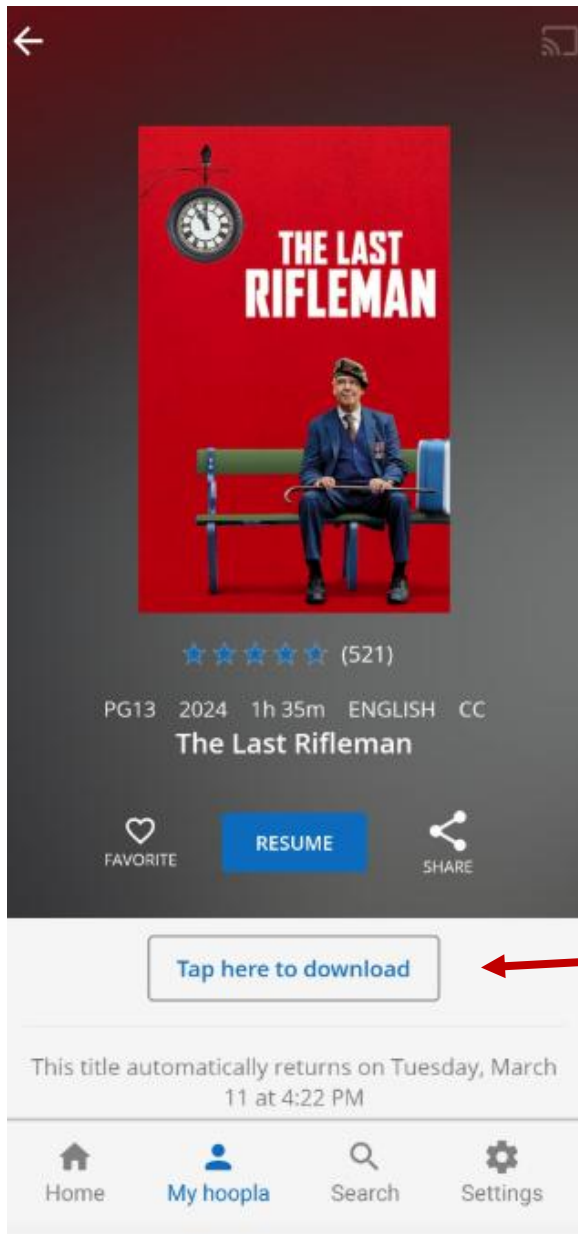
8) Once signed in, browse the My Hoopla page to locate movies, music, books, and audiobooks. Click the search field to look for a specific title. When you locate an item, click the cover image to see a detailed description. To check out the title, click the “Borrow” button. Hoopla will verify that you would like to borrow the title and will tell you how long the checkout will remain in your account. Hoopla titles return automatically at the end of the checkout period. To complete the checkout process, click “Borrow Title.” **All Glencoe library cardholders get 15 Hoopla checkouts per month.**



9) To view or listen to checked out items in Hoopla, go to “My Hoopla” in the menu bar. In the Hoopla app, the menu appears at the bottom of the screen; on the website, the menu bar appears at the top of the screen. A list of your borrowed titles will appear on the screen.



10) To play or read your titles, click the cover art. The title will open in the Hoopla app. **Always access and view your Hoopla titles in the Hoopla app.** To download the title for offline viewing on your mobile device, click the *title* of the item and then click “Download.” Cast Hoopla movies and TV shows to your TV via Apple Air Play or Chromecast by clicking the cast icon in the corner of the screen (check your device’s requirements for casting).



Cast icon

Tap here to download to your device for offline viewing.

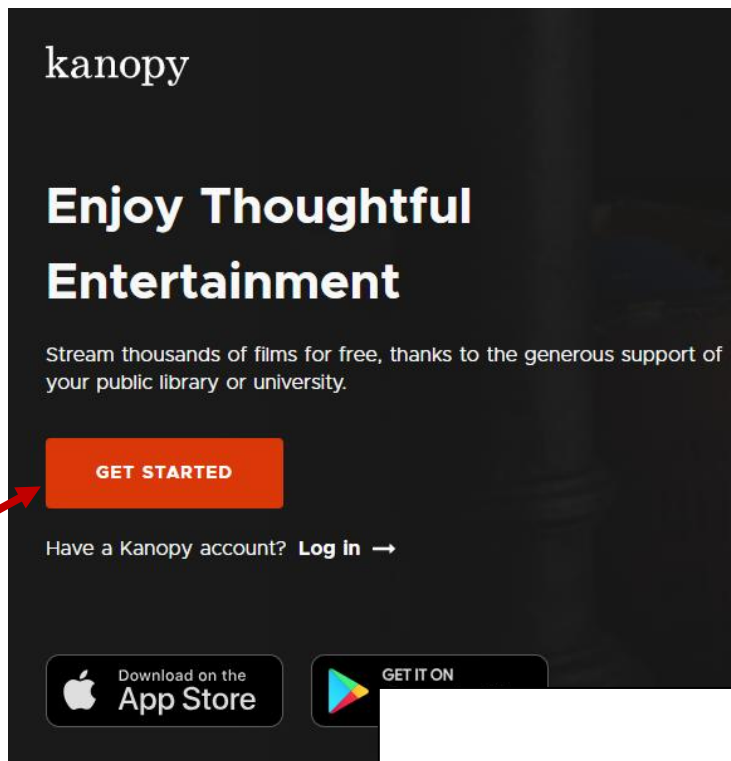
If you have additional questions about using Hoopla or any other library resource, please stop by the Reference Desk or call the library at 847-835-5056. We are always happy to assist you.



Getting Started with Kanopy at the Glencoe Public Library

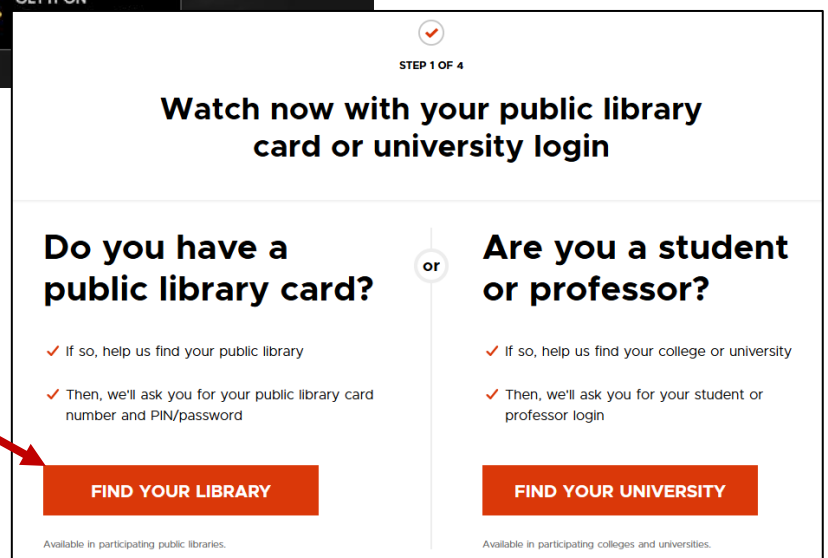
Access a world of free entertainment with your Glencoe Library card. To begin watching films, download the Kanopy app from your device's app store or visit www.kanopy.com in your browser. Follow the instructions below to establish your personal Kanopy account.

- 1) Download the Kanopy app or visit www.Kanopy.com in any Internet browser.
- 2) On the Kanopy welcome screen, click the "Get Started" button to begin creating your account. If you have previously created an account, please click the "Log In" link just below the "Get Started" button and enter your email and Kanopy password, then skip to step 7.



- 3) The first

registration screen asks how you will sign into Kanopy. Click the link for "Find Your Library." Please be sure to have your Glencoe library card available for the next step.



- 4) On the second screen, type “Glencoe” or your zip code in the “Find Your Public Library” field. Select “Glencoe Public Library - (IL)” from the list by clicking or tapping it, then click “Select This Library.”

STEP 2 OF 4 [Need Help?](#)

Find Your Public Library

Search by Library Name, City, or Zip Code

SUGGESTED LIBRARIES

We can't locate any libraries using the search terms you provided. Consider searching again using a library name, zip code or location.

Don't see your library? Let them know you're interested in Kanopy.

- 5) The next screen asks you to connect with GPL by adding your library card. Enter your entire number with no spaces between digits, then click “Continue.”

STEP 3 OF 4 [Need Help?](#)

Add Your Library Card

LIBRARY CARD NUMBER:

2112100022222

CONTINUE

[Need a card? Apply with your library here](#)

- 6) The last screen asks for your name, email address, and requires you to create a password. The password can be any combination of letters / numbers / symbols, but must be at least 8 characters long. **Please write down your password and keep it somewhere safe.** Library users can also log in with their Google or Apple account information. Once you have filled out your information and created a new password, click “Sign Up.” You will receive an email verification message in your email inbox – please follow these instruction to complete the sign-up process.

STEP 4 OF 4

Create Your Account

Almost there! Complete the sign up process by creating a Kanopy account.

First Name

Last Name

Email Address


Password


I confirm that I am 18 years or older, and I acknowledge Kanopy's [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

I'd like to receive emails about new and recommended films on Kanopy. (optional)

SIGN UP

OR

 Sign Up with **Google**

 Sign Up with **Apple**


- 7) Now you can log in to begin using Kanopy! Each time you access Kanopy, enter your email address and Kanopy password in the menu. Then, click the “Log In” button. If you have forgotten your password, click “Forgot password?” to get a reset link via your email.


Log In

[Don't have an account yet? Get Started](#)

LOG IN

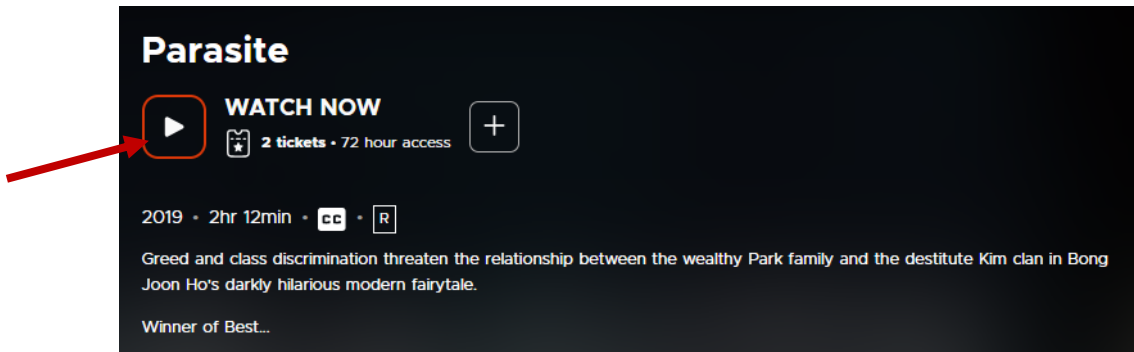
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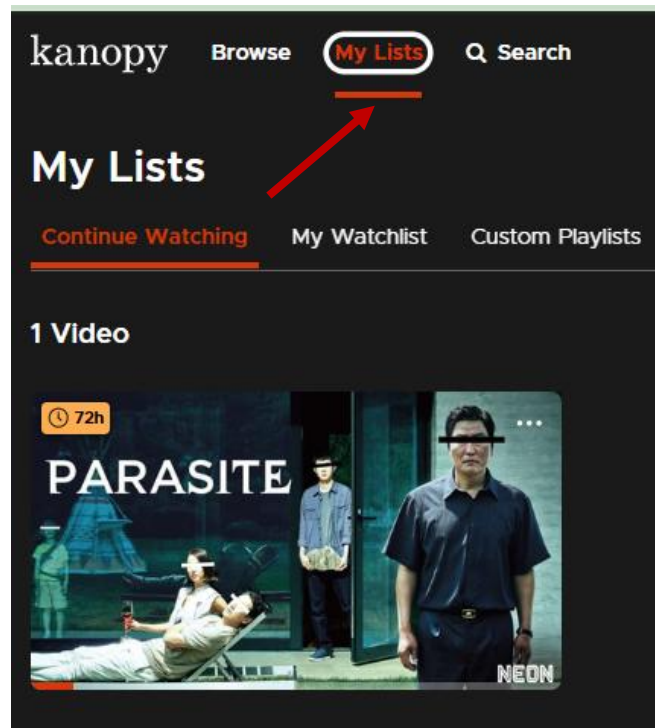
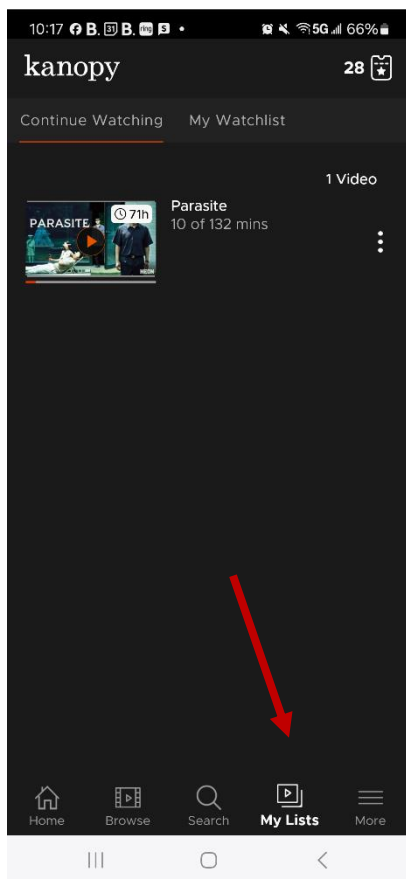
 Continue with **Apple**

[Forgot Password?](#)

- 8) Once signed in, browse the My Kanopy page to locate movies, music, books, and audiobooks. Click the “Search” link to look for a specific title or select “Browse” to see what titles Kanopy has to offer. Select kids’ movies by clicking the “Kids” icon or access your account by selecting your name from the menu bar. When you locate an item, click the cover image to see a detailed description. To check out the title, click the “Watch” play button. The movie will begin playing immediately. Kanopy titles return automatically at the end of the checkout period. **All Glencoe library cardholders get 30 Kanopy tickets per month, and borrowed items are available for 72 hours.**



- 9) To view or listen to checked out items in Kanopy, go to “My Lists” in the menu bar. A list of your borrowed titles will appear on the screen. Click the title to begin watching.



Please note, you cannot watch Kanopy titles offline – they require an Internet connection.

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